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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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REPARATIONS WRANGLE.

FRENCH REJECT BRITISH PROPOSAL.

NO MORATORIUM WITHOUT PLEDGES.

PARIS, January 3.
M. Poincare this morning communicated with the Cabinet, on the British reparations plan. The Cabinet expressed the unanimous opinion that the plan entailed a considerable reduction of French credit and also fresh delays without giving any security. It thus constituted a definite abandonment of the essential clauses of the Treaty of Versailles.

LATER.

The French cabinet to-day unanimously rejected the British reparations proposals.

FRENCH SINE QUA NON.

PARIS, January 3.
A semi-official statement declares that if the British at to-day's conference do not accept the principle which M. Poincare regards as indispensable, namely a moratorium without pledges, the discussions will not be carried further. If the principle is accepted discussions will continue on the basis of the French memorandum.

IRRECONCILABLE FRENCH ATTITUDE.

LONDON, January 3.
British commentators emphasize that the predominant objects of the British plan are to get Germany on to her feet commercially and transfer her indebtedness from enemy nations to private investors while the French aims are political rather than economic demanding pledges to ensure their national security. Hence the irreconcilable French attitude which Reuter's Paris correspondent says is still conspicuous to-day, contrasting strongly with the British who are showing every disposition to go to all reasonable lengths to meet the allies on a compromise compatible with the fundamental principles of the British policy. Hence British circles still cling to the hope of a satisfactory outcome to the discussions which only began to-day, yesterday's proceedings being limited to the presentation of the plans of the respective allies.

The Belgians and Italians were less hostile than the French to the British plan and there is some hope of Belgium exerting a conciliatory influence as she has done at previous conferences. Herr Bergmann is remaining in Paris for consultation if the conference desires but no German plan is officially before the conference.

M. POINCARÉ'S CRITICISM.

The earlier part of the conference was devoted to listening to M. Poincaré's detailed criticisms of the British plan. In addition to contending that the plan would wash out the Peace Treaty and cripple the Reparations Commission M. Poincaré complained that France, Belgium and Italy could be put in the minority on the Foreign Finance Council by the casting vote of the German Finance Minister. The plan clashes with the Treaty regarding payments in kind and does not provide pledges for enforcing payment at the expiration of the moratorium.

He declared that the plan would enable Germany to pay off her reparations debt in fifteen years after which she would be the only country in Europe without foreign obligations. He pointed that effective reparations payments under the first series of bonds amount to twenty milliards whereas France would receive eleven.

INTER-ALLIED WAR DEBTS.

Regarding the second series the plan reduces France's share to 35 per cent. instead of 52 and increases Britain's share from 22 to 47, simultaneously cancelling Belgian priority. As regards inter-allied debts M. Poincaré pointed out that in order to obtain cancellation of the eleven milliard gold marks owing to Britain, France would have to abandon 38 milliard gold marks bonds under the London schedule of payments and a half milliard in respect of the Belgian war debt, and a milliard in gold deposited in the Bank of England in addition to other sacrifices.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDS UNINTERRUPTEDLY.

PARIS, January 3.
The conference adjourned at tea and re-assembled with every prospect of a long sitting.

LATER.

Allied conversations were resumed in the afternoon, proceeding uninterruptedly.

LATER.

Despite the French semi-official statement hinting at a possible rupture, the conference proceeded uninterruptedly and adjourned in the evening until to-morrow afternoon.

DANGEROUS FRENCH PROPOSAL.

PARIS, January 3.
Mr. Bonar Law admitted that France had abandoned some of the most objectionable pledges but the French plan made a German recovery impossible. He stated that the Committee of Supervision proposed by France would practically take over the responsibility of Government which was a dangerous proposal, secondly that control of the coal industry in the Ruhr which was the jugular vein of German trade would deprive the German industry, and thirdly that the demand for large payments in kind during the moratorium was almost as dangerous as demanding cash, involving further sacrifices of currency.

THE DOLLAR.

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REPARATIONS WRANGLE.

BELGIAN DELEGATE SUPPORTS POINCARÉ.

PARIS, January 3.
M. Theunis Belgium, supported M. Poincaré's view point and expressed disappointment with the British scheme which he was unable to accept. He regretted that there seemed little hope of bringing the schemes into alignment but opined that agreement would be possible on a less ambitious plan. Regarding the conditions of the moratorium, the Italian delegate Della Torretta reserved his statement until to-morrow.

BONAR LAW'S SPEECH.

Mr. Bonar Law expressed willingness for Belgium priority to remain, but declined to agree that the plan violated the Peace Treaty. He repeated that if Germany failed to carry out the measures drawn up by the Commission of Control, Britain would be prepared to execute the fullest sanctions. He denied that the German Finance Minister would have a say on the subject of whether Germany was carrying out her obligations; and said that Franco-Italian gold deposits did not exist in the Bank of England because they were sent to America during the war to pay for munitions. He declared it was useless patching up an unworkable plan, which was not going to produce results. He was not saying he would necessarily reject a temporary, practicable arrangement, but it was necessary to face reality and realise the broad differences respecting the total amount obtainable and the methods of obtaining it.

COTTON AND SILK.

PROSPECTS FOR 1923.

A BRITISH REVIEW.

LONDON, January 3.

An optimistic view of the trade prospects for 1923 is taken by the *Bulletin*, the organ of the Federation of British Industries. Dealing with cotton it says that although trade conditions are at present gloomy a rather more hopeful feeling prevails. In Manchester it is believed that the demand will broaden soon, but the present level of prices handicaps Lancashire firms as there is little probability that the natives of Eastern countries will be able to consume large quantities of goods at the current rates. In regard to silk, it says that unquestionably the making-up trade has improved, but the dress goods business is slower than ever and there is very little sign of an early improvement.

IRISH EXECUTIONS.

REPORT OFFICIALLY DENIED.

DUBLIN, January 4.

The report of the execution of four rebels in Kerry is officially denied.

[A cable received yesterday stated:—Four rebels were executed in Kerry, following the ambush of National troops near Castle Gregory, Co. Kerry, in which two were killed and one wounded.]

ANGLO-PERSIAN OIL COMPANY.

£50,000 NEW SHARES ISSUED.

LONDON, January 3.

The underwriting is being arranged of 500,000 ordinary pound shares in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company to be offered to the public at 75s. a share. The new capital is required to develop distributing organisations and complete the fleet of tankers. Applications by shareholders of the Anglo-Persian and Burmah Oil Companies will be specially considered.

AT LAUSANNE.

TURKS WATCHING PARIS.

LAUSANNE, January 3.

A further four or five days' delay is anticipated pending "Hassan Bey's" arrival with the Ankara Government's instructions. Interest is at present centred in the Paris negotiations, which the Turks are following very closely, feeling that the outcome may influence the negotiations at Lausanne.

RUSSIAN RELIEF.

DR. NANSSEN GOING TO MOSCOW.

CHRISTIANIA, January 3.

Dr. Nansen goes to Moscow in the middle of January to confer with the Soviet authorities and his own representatives in regard to famine relief in the winter.

TEST CRICKET.

ENGLISH COLLAPSE AGAINST SPRINGBOKS.

CAPETOWN, January 3.

In summary weather before 6,000 spectators and on a perfect wicket South Africa made 242. A great partnership between Catterall (70) and Taylor (58) produced 150 for the second wicket, but the remaining batsmen failed against the five bowling of Macaulay who took 5 for 64 and Kennedy who took 4 for 53. England made 88 for 6. The latter's sensational collapse was due to the magnificent bowling of Hall whose present analysis is 6 for 86. The South African batting was excellent. Play closed with demonstrators of cricket.

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BIRTHS.

WADE.—On December 27, 1922, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wade, a son, Lancelot John.
MARTHOUD.—On December 28, 1922, at Shanghai to Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Marthoud, a daughter.

DEATHS.

EMELIANOFF.—On December 27, 1922, at Shanghai, Camille Emelianoff, the wife of Mr. G. A. Emelianoff.
LENT.—On December 28, 1922, at No. 2 Park Lane, Shanghai, Sieh Lin Lent, the beloved wife of the late Robert Isaac Lent, 1. M. Customs, in her 75th year.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1928.

POLLUTING HARBOURS.

Sometimes, in this material age, one wonders how much worse the world would fare without the laws which have been made to deal with the evils resulting from modern industry. Even with the existing regulations we find conditions which strike dismay. Only the other day a judge, in the course of his charge to a local grand jury, was moved to deplore the "dim, gloomy and grimy" conditions of Britain's Northern manufacturing cities, debased with industry's smoke, soot and dirt. Nor are these evils restricted to the land. The advent of the oil driven ship has brought its own peculiar drawbacks and daily we find our navigable waters polluted with oil waste, fuel oil, oil sludge, oil slop, tar residues and water ballast. Happily, however, the maritime powers, following

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

During December only 1.01 inches of rain fell.

A clean bill of health was returned for the Colony yesterday.

A fully qualified secretary (non-resident) is wanted for the Helena May Institute.

Mr. B. D. Butler, former acting Consul in Tamsui, Formosa, has taken charge of the British Consulate there owing to the departure on leave of Mr. Samson, the Consul.

The case of Mr. J. W. Fraser against the Shanghai Mercury, Ltd., will be heard at the British Supreme Court on January 10. The claim is for \$8,800 damages for dismissal.

The engagement is announced of Mr. R. P. Mildren, of the Chattered Bank, Penang, and Miss Jessie A. E. M. Davidson, of the King Edward VII School, Taiping, and formerly of Penang.

The Russian press reports the expected arrival in Peking within the next few days of M. Nikk, who has been appointed as assistant to M. Joffe, the Soviet Representative to China.

Mr. P. D. Evans, Tientsin correspondent for Reuters, has been transferred to Peking to relieve Major A. E. Weems who is shortly returning to his home in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

Dr. Walter E. Hoffmann, principal of the American School in Tokio, died in Peking while en route to Shanghai to attend the conference of American School heads of the Far East, according to a telegram received during the holidays by Mr. Willard W. Bartlett, principal of the Shanghai American School.

At the election of officers for the Committee of the British Overseas Banks Association for the ensuing year, Mr. H. D. C. Jones, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and Mr. W. E. Preston, Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, were elected. Mr. Francis Shipton, Standard Bank of South Africa, is chairman.

Gen. Ho Feng-hing, Military Governor of Shanghai and Sunghing, is reported by the Shanghai Chinese press to have instructed the Bureau of Russian Affairs to order the Russian vessels at Woosung to leave within a week, otherwise he will be compelled to order Chinese gun boats to disarm them and force them to leave Chinese waters.

Mr. C. A. St. George, son-in-law of Dr. Bradon, who a short while ago met with a nasty accident due to the absence of a bridge which precipitated his car into a ravine, and caused Mrs. St. George, who was in the car at the time, severe injuries, has, says the Malay Mail, instituted an action against the State of Negri Sembilan claiming \$45,000 as damages.

Admiral Sir Percy Scott, the father of modern gunnery, which he brought into existence on the China Station in the nineties—continues tilting at the "big canoe," as he terms the modern battleship. This gallant Admiral favours the submarine, the torpedo and aircraft, and maintains with a pertinacious born of the soundest conviction that the surface ship is a back number. He is making a desperate onslaught on the two battleships which the Admiralty is projecting.

The farewell dinner accorded to the Hon. Capt. Chancellor by the gazetted officers and Inspectors of the Straits Settlements Police at Raffles Hotel, passed off most successfully. Mr. C. H. Hannigan, Chief Police Officer, presided and about 30 sat down, including Mr. Savi, who is on a visit to Singapore. After dinner an enjoyable impromptu concert took place, Capt. Groves, Mr. Shedy and Insp. Phear being amongst the contributors. Prior to Capt. Chancellor taking his departure he was bidden goodbye and wished bon voyage and all good wishes on his retirement by each and every one present.

The light cruiser "Cordoba" lately on the China Station was commissioned in mail week at Devonport by Captain L. Stanley Holbrook, M.V.O., for a spell of duty on the North America and West Indies Station, whither she will proceed at an early date. The "Cordoba" arrived home from China in September on relief by the new "D" cruiser "Despatch." Captain H. E. Sullivan, D.S.O., and when selected for her new station she was to have relieved the light cruiser "Constance." Captain the Hon. A. Stuart. The regrettable loss of the very fine flagship "Raleigh" sister of the China's Station's flagship will cause the "Constance" to remain on the station or rather return to the station after re-commissioning at Devonport.

OBITUARY.

MR. J. D. OSMUND.

RESPECTED MEMBER OF PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY.

The death occurred suddenly at his residence, Bellios Terrace, at 2 o'clock this morning, of Mr. James D. Osmund, of the staff of the China Sugar Refinery (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd.).

A very popular and highly respected member of the Portuguese community, the late Mr. Osmund was 47 years of age at the time of his death, and had been 27 years in the employ of Messrs. Jardine's.

Of a very genial disposition, the late Mr. Osmund was esteemed by a large circle of friends who will regard his death as a personal loss. He took great interest in the social life of the Portuguese community, being for many years President of the Catholic Union Club. He was also a member of the Club Lusitano, and served on the committee of the Associação de Socorros Mútuos. In addition to these activities, the deceased was closely identified with all the Catholic confraternities, being a promoter of the Apostleship of Prayer, and a committee member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. He took a keen interest in the Society and for over 20 years he and his family managed the post card stall at the annual bazaar of the Society. The late Mr. Osmund was also one of the leading spirits in the movement for the promotion of Catholic literature, being closely identified with *The Rock*, the Catholic monthly magazine.

In his younger days, the deceased was a keen sportsman, but was particularly fond of billiards, and up to quite recently he played quite a good game. He was also a good musician, being a member of the Societe's Philharmonica, and during the war he was a member of the Police Reserve Band and Orchestra.

Of both these traits his sons have inherited a big share, three of them being members of the well known "Daydream" String Band conducted by the Rev. Fr. Rigant. His twin sons, Messrs A. J. Osmund and L. A. Osmund, are well-known in the local billiards world, the former being the Colony's champion in 1921. Recently he made a record break of 224.

The late Mr. Osmund leaves a widow and four sons to mourn his loss. He is also survived by his father, Mr. C. Osmund (who is 80 years of age), four brothers, Messrs A. F. Osmund, C. H. Osmund, C. V. Osmund and E. E. Osmund (three of whom are on the staff of Messrs. Jardine's), and four sisters.

The funeral passes the Monument at 5.30 this afternoon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. V. C. Lubrum has been appointed manager of the Hongkong Printing Press in regard to which an announcement is promised at an early date.

Mr. Julian Arnold, American Trade Commissioner, who is now in Seattle, has delivered several talks before various organisations there boosting China, and particularly Shanghai, according to reports appearing in the Seattle newspapers. He has been emphasising the many new buildings that have been, and are being, erected in Shanghai.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Magistracy this morning, two Chinese, Lai Hoi-chan and Li Fook were charged with having committed an armed robbery, with others not in custody, at the 2nd floor of No. 7 Portland Street, Yau-mat, on the evening of January 1. The case was remanded to January 8.

Captain Hay, the new Labour M.P. for the Cathart Division of Glasgow is the possessor of the Order of the Striped Tiger, conferred upon him by the Chinese Republic for services to the Labour Corps in France. He qualified for his service by his knowledge of Chinese, acquired as a professor in a missionary college in Manchuria, but it is questioned whether a Communist could wear an order like the Striped Tiger with dignity and comfot.

Li Loy and Wong Cheung were charged in Mr. J. R. Wood's court this morning with illegal possession of arms. Detective Inspector Murphy, in outlining the case said that Li Loy was arrested on Tuesday night outside the Kwong Chu Cinema at Yau-mat and he was found to be in possession of a dagger and two gags. Wong Cheung was subsequently arrested at the 2nd floor of No. 5 Pakhoi Street, Yau-mat, the premises of the Kowloon Tea-house Employees' Guild. He had a revolver which was loaded in five chambers and another three rounds of ammunition. A formal remand was granted till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TOO TRUSTING.

"ONLY HIMSELF TO BLAME."

SUMMARY COURT JUDGMENT.

In the Summary Court, this morning, before His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz, a written judgment was delivered in the case of Yuen Wing Cheung against the Cheong Sing Loong Hing Kee and Chan Yan and Tsang Fook. The plaintiff was suing for a sum of \$1,951.33, balance of principal and interest on the two loans.

Mr. O. H. Lyson appeared for plaintiff, while Mr. M. K. Lo represented Chan Yan.

THE JUDGMENT.

His Honour, in giving judgment said:

This is a claim against a partnership firm and the two partners therein for the balance of the account due under a Chinese borrowing note. The facts are briefly as follows:

In April, 1921, the defendant, Tsang Fook, asked the plaintiff, whom he had known for years, for a loan. He stated that he was carrying on the business of the Cheong Sing Loong and that money was needed for further capital. He mentioned that he had a partner but did not give his name. The money was \$1,000 and was paid over to him at a restaurant. He put the firm shop on the borrowing note. Two months' interest was subsequently paid by Tsang Fook, and then, as the plaintiff received no further payment, he issued this writ against the firm and the other partner Chan Yan. Tsang Fook was not made a defendant on the writ as originally issued. When the case came on he appeared by a solicitor and admitted liability and I ordered him to be added as a defendant.

The question remaining is as to the liability of Chan Yan. It appears that the partnership conducted a slaughterhouse. The meat from the slaughterhouse was sold at a stall in the market under the style of Chan Yan Ki. The defendant of the stall was the defendant Chan Yan. This defendant gave active participation in the management of the stall slaughterhouse in July, 1921 and the business therefrom was conducted by Tsang Fook as managing partner. The business was a cash business and the evidence is that in April 1921 it was doing well and had surplus assets invested outside.

It is suggested that Chan Yan was cognisant of the loan or in any way authorised or ratified the transaction. It seems that the defendant Tsang Fook had been drawing money from the firm for his own purposes, and that he used the proceeds of this loan in partial payment of what he had taken. The firm had never before borrowed money and he never borrowed money in April 1921 for the legitimate requirements of the business. There is no evidence that it is usual or customary for a firm of this kind to borrow money, or that borrowing money is part of the business of such a firm.

The cases on the implied powers of a partner to bind the firm are collected in the 8th edition of Lindley at pages 135-137 and at pages 167-169. On the law laid down by the learned author and illustrated by these cases it seems quite clear that the defendant Chan Yan is not liable. I will not comment on the case further than to say that the plaintiff has no one but himself to blame. Apparently his trust in Tsang Fook was so great that he committed to take the most elementary precautions.

I give judgment for the defendant, Chan Yan with costs; and for the plaintiff against the defendant Tsang Fook with costs.

STOLEN SERGE.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Magistracy this morning with stealing 4 yards of blue serge worth \$24 from a table in the Lai Wah On, Des Vaux Road Central, the latest addition to the Chinese department stores. He was arrested by a watchman who gave chase after discovering the bolt concealed beneath his long gown. A director of the firm deposed to seeing the serge drop out from beneath the accused's coat. The defendant was sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment.

"ONE WAY OF DESCRIBING IT"

Charged to day with being drunk and "incapable" outside the Leung Wing Wharf, Connaught Road West, a Sikh watchman ventured the following:—"I could not walk and did not know where I was going." To this the Magistrate Mr. Lindell replied:—"That is one way of describing it."—Fined \$5.

SPECIAL CABLE.

JAPANESE TRAINING SQUADRON.

LEAVES FOR HONGKONG.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, January 3. The Japanese training squadron under Admiral Tachibana with the Flagship "Idsumo," left for Hongkong to-day.

NOT A B IBE.

OPIUM SMOKER'S "CLEAR CONSCIENCE."

Yesterday afternoon, a Northern Chinese described as comprador of the China Specie Bank, Shanghai, was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with offering a bribe of \$5 to Police Sergeant C. Eschmaw. The facts of the case as made out for the prosecution were that Sergeant Eschmaw accosted the defendant in Des Vaux Road Central on the night of December 30. When searched a horn of opium was found on him. He was taken to the Revenue Office for the purpose of determining whether it was Government opium or not. The opium turned out to be real Government issue. On the way he pulled out \$5 from his pocket and offered it to the Police officer. At the Central Police Station he was found to be in possession of \$178.74 in cash.

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton appeared for the defence and stated that the defendant was a total stranger to him. He had bought it for his own use. Mr. Brutton went on to say that as he had a clear conscience there was no logical reason to assume that it was necessary for him to offer a bribe. He was a heavy smoker and could not walk far and not knowing where the Sergeant might take him to he had taken out the \$5 hoping that chair or rickshaws might be procured. If he intended to offer a bribe he would have given at least \$50 as he had \$178 in his pocket.

After some discussion, the Magistrate said he believed the defendant's story and accordingly discharged him.

MACAO'S GOVERNOR.

ARRIVAL OF DR. RODRIGUES.

The new Governor of Macao, Senhor Rodrigo Rodrigues arrived in Hongkong by the "Atsuta Maru" yesterday evening. Owing to a late hour of the vessel's arrival the official call at Government House had to be postponed to this morning, after which Senhor Rodrigues will leave for Macao by the Portuguese steamer the "Patria."

His Excellency is accompanied by his wife and two daughters and his aides-de-camp and private secretary. The Portuguese Consul-General met him at the boat and accompanied him to the Club Lusitano where a reception was held in his honour.

A distinguished gathering of Portuguese met at the ball-room to welcome the new Governor and included a big proportion of ladies. The Captain and officers of the "Patria" were also present. After a number of notabilities had been presented to His Excellency, Mr. A. F. B. Silva Netto, president of the Club, proposed the health of the "Governor and his family."

In responding, Senhor Rodrigues stated that his compatriots in the Far East had been somewhat neglected by the Portuguese Government in the past, but he would make it his aim to see that this was remedied. He would endeavour to secure for the Portuguese in the Orient, the opportunity of expressing their views to the home Government. He also intended to promote trade between Portugal and the Far East and would give every encouragement to establish a direct line of steamers between Portugal and the Orient. The Portuguese in Macao would be the object of his special interest but he would do what he could to promote the interests of his fellow countrymen in all parts of the Far East and engaged a conference to discuss measures for their better welfare.

His Excellency, in addition to being a well-known Army medical officer, is also prominent as a politician. He has held the post of Minister of the Interior and was at one time Director of the Lisbon Penitentiary. Dr. Rodrigues was formerly a Professor of Medicine at Goa.

I'm introducing a brand-new invention—a combined talking machine, carpet-sweeper, and letter-opener," said the agent stepping briskly into an office. "Got one already," answered the proprietor. "I'm married."

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

PACKED TENT AT KOWLOON.

SUCCESSFUL OPENING PERFORMANCE.

After an absence of just over four years, Harmston's Circus has returned to Hongkong. The attendance last night at the opening performance can be taken as a criterion the public has been anxiously awaiting their arrival. Despite the sudden drop in the thermometer, the tent was so packed that many of the spectators had to be satisfied with standing room only.

After the orchestra, under M. J. Michel, had played the overture, Miss M. Bell introduced us to her trick pony "Chick" which, besides the usual accomplishments of a well-bred circus horse, has been taught to skip over a rope swung by two attendants—a feat which should appeal especially to the children at the matinee performances. A capital exhibition of head and hand balancing by Sandy was the next item, in which the performer showed that it is quite possible to stand on one's head and play a Mandoline even if the platform consists of only one chair balanced and balanced. After some amusing juggling by O. Dalroy, aided by one of the clowns, Miss Arcos gave a thrilling exhibition of riding a la coque, ending by taking a comersault off the horse's back as it galloped round the ring.

Miss and Leo caused much amusement, especially among the Chinese, by their "comic" entrance. Then the audience was treated to a succession of thrilling feats by Miss Velasco on the trapeze. Miss Velasco is a bright little lady of some fourteen summers and won her way into the hearts of the audience by her performance on the trapeze, and later in the evening as an assistant to her father in his "Ridley Act."

The horse-loving members of the audience were then given an opportunity to see what patience and kindness will do with man's equine friend, when Mr. Harmston introduced his two favourite grey horses. As a special treat to the Hongkong audience, and, as usual, she gave a very finished performance. Her latest "stand" is to walk the wire with "square" coater's basket on her feet in lieu of shoes—a performance deservedly applauded. A group of five talented acrobats was the tenth number on the programme.

After the interval the Aro Trio, in a flying trapeze act, caused the onlookers to hold their breath whilst each member of the flying squad went through the most astonishing feats in mid-air whilst travelling between two horizontal bars hanging from the roof. Only twice was the objective missed—the first time, one fancied intentionally—when a sigh of relief went up as the performers sprang up smiling from the net spread beneath in case of accident. This act was quite one of the best seen here.

Miss Bell, in her Arab pony "Redmire," has a real treasure. It is doubtful whether until 10 o'clock many of the audience had ever seen an equine interpretation of the "Fox-trot," "Camel walk," and "Shimmy-shake."

A display of balancing and spinning a Chinese umbrella, with the aid of his feet, by Velasco, and a clever exhibition by himself and his daughter followed an exceptionally clever performance by two elephants and two Arabian ponies under O. Dalroy found much favour with the audience.

Miss and Amat then kept the audience amused, while the ring was cleared for this wild animal act, which brought an excellent programme to a close. Trainer Assan, a Javanese, tames the eagle with a lion, a tiger, two leopards and a bear and puts them through their paces with consummate skill.

There will be a matinee on Saturday for the children.

CORONET'S PROGRAMME.

"HIS MAJESTY THE AMERICAN."

Douglas Fairbanks in "His Majesty the American" is still delighting Coronet audiences and will, it is safe to predict, continue to do so until the film gives place on Sunday to "The Soul Shall Bear Witness," the great Swedish picture of which the London Times declared that the "acting and production are alike remarkable." In response to numerous requests the Coronet management have decided to give Hongkong another opportunity of seeing Douglas Fairbanks in "The Three Musketeers" on Monday.

Do You Cough?
Don't overstrain the fine muscles of your throat by trying to dislodge a phlegm. Chalmers' Cough Remedy will "accomplish" it for you. It is the only cold that is really cured by Chalmers' Cough Remedy.

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MOTOR SMASH.

NAVAL OFFICER'S DEATH.

CORONER'S INQUIRY OPENS.

Mr. J. R. Wood, sitting as Coroner, this afternoon opened the inquest into the circumstances of the death of Lt. Commander Geoffrey William Winmore Hooper, R.N., of H. M. S. "Hawkins."

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. Hilger Dreyer, Leonard Gordon Scott, (foreman) and Harry Greenwood.

Mr. H. L. Denny was present on behalf of the Admiral. Major Casel and Mr. Lauritzen were also present in court, as were a number of Naval officers and Inspector Garrod of the Traffic Department.

The Coroner explained that it was the jury's duty to enquire whether the driver or anybody else was responsible for the death of the deceased, who died from injuries received while travelling in a motor car at Causeway Bay on the early morning of the 2nd.

Mr. O. A. Grimes of the P.W.D. was the first to go into the witness box and to put in place of the neighbourhood.

Pay Lieut. L. B. Webb was the next witness called. He deposed to going to Repulse Bay with the deceased in a hired motor car No. 118. There were six members of the party altogether, including the deceased. Pay Lieut. Wallace, Pay Lieut. MacBryan, Lt. Menkin and Lt. Coffin. The car was a large car—a 7 seater. They had been to a dance at the Repulse Bay Hotel. The return journey commenced at about 2.30 a.m. the same six persons being together in the car. The average speed of the car was from 20 to 25 miles per hour. He did not notice if any cars were jostled on the way. The witness was sitting in the body of the car near the right hand door.

On the back seat were Lieut. Coffin and MacBryan. Deceased was sitting near Pay Lieut. MacBryan but he had been sitting in the body of the car. The party was in good spirits and so on. As far as he knew, their car raced with no other. He was in a position to see what happened. At the time of the accident, he heard a car overtaking them and looked over his left shoulder and saw it pass. The speed of their car at that time was between 25 to 30 miles per hour. Witness had driven a car at home and had some experience. The passing car was going at a much higher speed and passed within a few feet of their car. They greeted the other car as it went by.

About 15 to 20 seconds after the car passed he heard a big crash. He was still in the car. The left wheel was broken and the car lying at an angle. He was not certain if all the other occupants were thrown out; the first thing he saw was MacBryan looking up from the bank. Pay Lieut. MacBryan called his attention to the deceased, who was lying near the left wheel of the car. Deceased was held to the bank by Pay Lieut. Wallace. They stopped the next car that passed, but he witness' glasses were broken. He did not know what happened to the car that passed. The tramway standard was close to the rear-end of the car, but was clear of it.

The inquiry is proceeding.

RUSSIAN REFUGEES.

SAIL FOR UNKNOWN PORT.

SHANGHAI January 4.

The Shanghai Times learns that the fifteen Russian refugee ship mentioned at Wanchow are leaving to day for an unknown destination—probably Manila or Saigon. The Chinese authorities allowed three hundred orphan children to land but refused to admit the remaining refugees.

Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice, of the firm of Coode, Mathews, Fitzmaurice and Wilson, consulting Engineers for Harbours to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, accompanied by Lady Fitzmaurice, have arrived in Singapore by the "Nellie" from home.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

WUCHOW COUP.

PRESS-GANGS AT WORK.

KEEN STRUGGLE GOING ON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, January 3.

Advice has reached Canton to the effect that the Cantonese troops who had previously retired from Wuchow on Fung-Chuen have been augmented by reinforcements from Canton. General Ip Kue, recently appointed Director of operation by General Chen has arrived at Shui Hing. The advanced posts of the Yunnan troops had taken up positions in Kai Lung Chow, a small market town Wuchow. This was stormed on the 1st, the Canton troops meeting with success and the Yunnans retiring to within the environs of Wuchow.

Frantic efforts to cope with the situation are being made by the Canton government. All available transport has been requisitioned and ammunition is being shipped up with all haste. However, only a small number of men have embarked for Wuchow. Reports of press gangs at work are prevalent. Coolies are taken by the soldiers to do transport work. The pay, including meals, is \$15 per month. As this is a very poor inducement few are willing to comply but they are given no choice.

General Chen has given orders to the commander of the North River garrison to be on the look-out for surprise attacks as it is rumoured that Shun Hing-yung may deviate and attack that region with his Kwongsi troops. Trains have been running day and night on the Yueh-Han Railway carrying soldiers, munitions and war supplies.

A spirit of subdued excitement prevails as it is felt that a keen struggle is impending. The public can only hope that the campaign being inevitable, one side will administer the coup de grace in as short a time as possible so as not to interfere with business at the end of the year.

HOME TRADE.

Messrs. Morreau and Spiegelberg, Manchester, report under date November 29, 1927:—

Our last report was dated November 22, 1927.

Cotton.—Prices have remained fairly steady during the week.

Liverpool prices.

American F. M.

Spot. Nov. Dec. Jan.

Yesterday. 14.63 14.13 13.97 13.87

Last week. 14.90 14.35 14.18 14.06

Egyptian Sakellaris F. O. F.

Spot. Nov. Dec. Jan.

Yesterday. 15.50 17.40 17.40 17.40

Last week. 15.50 17.60 17.60 17.70

Yarns. Business has been dull and prices are easier at last week's quotations.

Cloth. There is another "dead" week to record. The volume of business looked extremely small.

The bright spot appears to be China which has actually bought some small lots. This is taken to indicate that communication with the interior is being restored. In the meantime, owing to late sales, prices in the ports, as in the cases of India and Java and other markets have fallen much below Manchester levels.

The improvement in the prices of produce notably rubber, tea, tin and copra is producing enquiry from Eastern markets.

India has made small purchases and South America is buying fair quantities.

The Levant and Near East have come to a standstill pending the result of the Lusitania Conference, and the morning's news of the execution of Greek ex-ministers followed by the withdrawal of the British representative of Athens will not improve things.

In all consuming markets there is financial stringency and the slump has left many importers in a position where they cannot finance any large business, unless they can first raise fresh capital.

Manchester is still wondering how cotton can be maintained at 15d. per lb.

Silver continues to fall.

Special classes in foreign languages for officers have been arranged by the War Office.

The engagement has been announced in Manila of Miss Chucho MacLeod of Manila to Mr. Henry Brown of London, now associated with Smith, Bell & Company at Manila.

When a person is running the heart pumps 2 gallons of blood through the body per minute more than the quantity of water a large tap would pass in the same time, stated Sir Walter Fletcher, secretary to the Medical Research Council, at the Y.M.C.A. 18th Anniversary dinner, E.U.

OUR UNIVERSITY.

AND BOXER INDEMNITY.

REUTER INTERVIEWS SIR WILLIAM BRUNYATE.

Shanghai papers publish the following telegram received from the Hongkong representative of Reuter's Pacific Service on December 19:—

In view of the reports of the surrender of the Boxer indemnity by the British Government for educational and other purposes, Reuter's correspondent interviewed Sir William Brunyate, who, since his arrival in the Colony last year, has been in close touch with Mission schools and Chambers of Commerce in China. The University was founded as a residential University in 1912 largely on the initiative of Sir Frederick Lugard and since the war its endowment has been more than doubled by grants from the Colonial Government, the Rockefeller Foundation and others. Scholars are maintained at the University by the H.K. and Straits Governments, the Peking Central Government and by four widely separated Provincial Governments, while students are drawn from all parts of the Far East.

Sir William Brunyate said that he had regarded the surrender of the indemnity as inevitable. The disposal of any money available for a educational purpose raised very difficult problems. He would view with grave concern any ploy of sending young Chinese wholesale to be educated abroad. There was a growing feeling along the Coast that thereby the average youth was unfitted for Chinese life and fitted for nothing else a feeling largely shared by the Vice-Chancellor's American friends, of whom he had many.

Sir William assumed that in any scheme full advantage would be taken of the facilities offered by the Hongkong University. The only danger was that representatives of the British community in China who had left the country some years ago were unacquainted with recent developments of these facilities. The atmosphere was a more natural one for young Chinese. He was especially gratified by the sympathy and support they received from mission schools, both Protestant and Catholic. They were doing what they could with their present resources and anything more could be done for which money was provided. But for the present it would be unwise to attempt to provide full opportunities for post-graduate work, and he would unreservedly welcome the provision of facilities for sending selected graduates to Great Britain for further study.

One great difficulty with which the staff of the University were faced was which would occur under any scheme was that of the limited number of Chinese with a sufficient knowledge of English to be fit by instruction given in that language. That meant the problem of secondary education. Mission schools required all the financial assistance they could get but the serious question was that of the machinery through which it could be provided. One must be careful not unduly to intrude on the proper sphere of the Chinese Government authorities who would probably prove increasingly sensitive to any such intrusion. He foresaw difficulties of that kind in connection with the scheme elaborated by the recent Anglo-American Commission on missionary education if it ever materialized. The whole matter required working out in close touch with those on the spot.

In conclusion Sir William said that the University claimed no monopoly. They had in fact the backing of the Associated British Chambers of Commerce last year in Shanghai promised to assist in every way the establishment of University Colleges by the grant of temporary facilities who over that would be useful.

FUND IN PANTRY.

BIG ARMS SEIZURE.

Another big seizure of arms has been made on a Trans Pacific liner. On Tuesday afternoon, while searching for arms on the s.s. "Empress of Canada," Detective Sergeant Andrew discovered concealed in one of the pantries a miscellaneous collection of arms comprising:—

A Winchester rifle, a shotgun, 2 revolvers, 27 Mausers, 14. Luger pistols, 14 rifle-stocks, 5 holsters, a Colt automatic, 59 Luger magazines, 7 rifle magazines, 37 Mauser clips, a spring, 2 boxes of clips and 5030 rounds ammunition.

The No. 3 Pantry "boy" who was on board at the time was detained by the Police but because no evidence can be brought against him. The No. 1 Pantry "boy" has absconded.

JAILED FOR FIRST "JAG."

SIKH WHO SWUNG THE LEAD.

Baggi Singh a Sikh on table was prosecuted by Mr. D. Burlingham, A.S.P., before Mr. Linsell this morning for absence from duty and absence from station precincts without permission.

He pleaded guilty to the first charge and said that he was drunk but it was the first time that he had taken drink. Mr. Burlingham said that he was seen by the Indian Sergeant-Major drunk outside the Police School.

Asked by the Magistrate as to the defendant's record in the Force Mr. Burlingham stated that he joined the Police on the 12th June 1922. He had been before the Court on a previous occasion, charged with manhandling, but was discharged on account of the doctor's evidence. Ever since he had been "swinging the lead" which resulted in his being fined \$2 by the C.S.P. after a departmental inquiry.

The second charge was withdrawn and on the first charge, defendant was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

A good result should be witnessed on Saturday in the Cup Match between the Navy and the Club, at Happy Valley 4.15 p.m. Up to the present both the Navy and the Club have beaten the Army.

The following will represent the Club:—

Mooreham, Jordain, Butlin, Prowse, Skinner, Gace and Clerk; Ralston, Cooper, Day, Logan, McEay, Jones, Andrews, Lamplugh.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Songshan Maru, (N. Y. K.) from Canton.—Off Stonecutters.

Atrita Maru, (N. Y. K.) from London, Singapore.—Kowloon Wharf.

Yue Ying Wah, (Cheong Yu) from Haiphong.—Off Stonecutters.

Chenak, (B. & S.) from Swatow.—B22.

Keochow, (B. & S.) from Shanghai.—B12.

Kalgan, (B. & S.) from Bangkok, Swatow.—B11.

Hydangon (Chun On), from Swatow.—Co's Wharf.

New Chang, (B. & S.) from Pakow.—Wai Point.

Jade, (Kai Yu) from Haiphong, Pakhoi.—Off Stonecutters.

Ryusei Maru, (Sato & Co.) from Bangkok.—Off Stonecutters.

Tenno Maru, (M. B. K.) from Miki.—B54.

Himalaya Maru, (O. S. K.) from London, Singapore.—Kowloon Wharf.

Ascot, (Yuen Kuei) from Penang, Singapore.—B13.

DEPARTURES.

Korea Maru (T.K.K.) for San Francisco, Shanghai.—January 4.

Taiwa Maru (Y.K.K.) for Ke Loang, Swatow.—January 4.

Hozai Maru, (Y.K.K.) for Haiphong, Hoihow.—January 4.

Hai'an (Man Wine) for Haiphong, Hoihow.—January 4.

Ukai Maru (Sato & Co.) for Bangkok.—January 4.

Gregory Apar, (M. M. & Co.) for Kobe, Amoy.—January 4.

Yot Shing, (J. M. & Co.) for Shanghai, Swatow.—January 4.

Japan, (M. M. & Co.) for Calcutta, Singapore.—January 4.

Atrita Maru, (N. Y. K.) for Yokohama, Shanghai.—January 4.

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Foochow, (B. & S.) for Canton.—January 4.

Sun On, (Li Fat) for Fort Bayard.—January 4.

Arabia Maru, (O.S.K.) for Tacoma, Shanghai.—January 4.

Haiching, (Douglas & Co.) for Foochow, Swatow.—January 5.

Long Sang, (J. M. & Co.) for Manila.—January 5.

E Sang, (J. M. & Co.) for Shanghai, Swatow.—January 5.

Ming Sang, (J. M. & Co.) for Haiphong, Hoihow.—January 5.

CRICKET.

K.O.C. 2nd XI v. H.K.O.C. 2nd XI.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club 2nd XI in a friendly match at Kowloon on Saturday 6th January at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—W. W. Mackenzie, H. Spier, W. Galloway, D. Reid, D. B. Peat, D. E. G. Nicholson, G. H. Piercy, M. M. Watson, W. Brackenridge, B. Crowley and H. E. Holland.

The following are to represent Kowloon:—J. P. Robinson, B. D. Evans, C. I. Stapleton, Capt. G. E. Spinks, G. A. V. Hall, C. C. Dance, B. Petheram, R. E. Linsell, H. H. Benson, J. O. Fletcher and S. Jer.

BOXING IN SHANGHAI.

PERMANENT STADIUM MOOTED.

Shanghai is to have weekly boxing shows if present plans materialise, says the China Press.

The authorities of the French Concession have granted a permit to stage the fights and if possible Filipino scrappers will appear in the opening card. The opening bouts will probably be held in a makeshift but if the support warrants, a permanent club will be created which will be modelled after the Olympic Club of Manila, an institution which has grown from a nipa shack to one of the world's largest fight stadiums.

There is a possibility that the local organisation will work with the Manila boxing club and that scrappers from America and Australia will be seen in Shanghai before the summer comes. Many from the United States pass through there on their way to the Philippines while it would be a short jump for the men from Kangaroo land who are on Manila cards.

Encouragement will be given local amateurs while British naval men will also be seen in action as often as possible.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

I, the undersigned have THIS DAY been appointed Manager of the Printing Department of the HONGKONG PRINTING PRESS, 19, Wyndham Street.

A further announcement regarding the HONGKONG PRINTING PRESS will be made at an early date.

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Tel. C. 437.

Hongkong, January 2, 1928.

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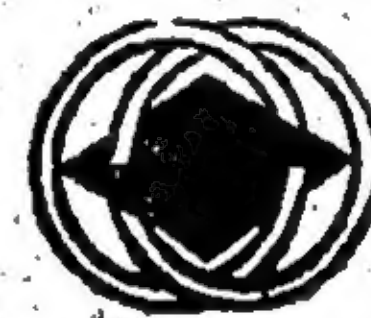
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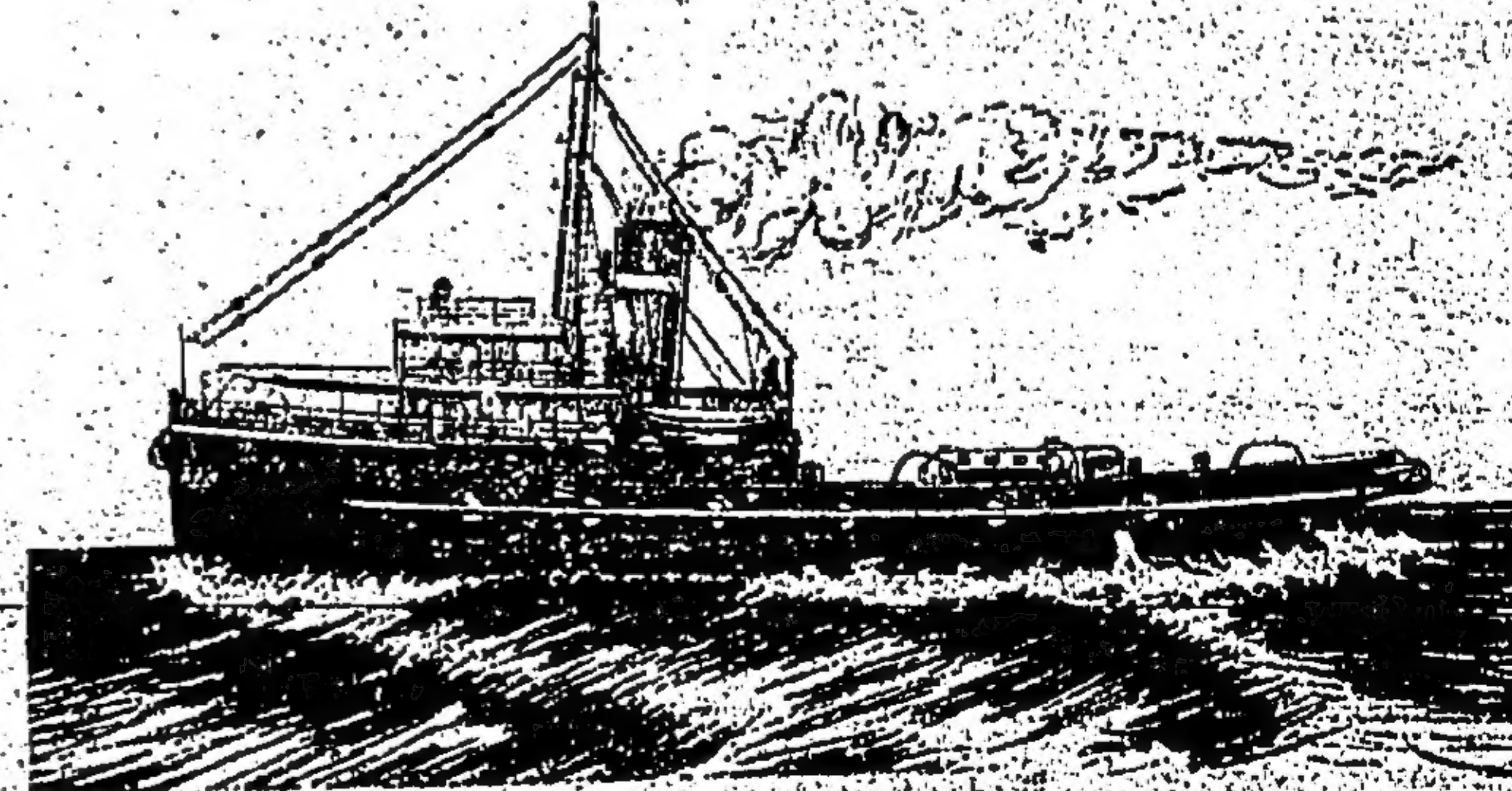
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The "Hong Moh," with well over a thousand coolie passengers on board, struck a rock in the vicinity of Hongkong in March of last year, and quickly broke in two, and two days elapsed before Captain Evans received a wireless message to proceed to the rescue. When he arrived in the cruiser "Carlisle" the position was about as bad as could be conceived. Heavy seas were breaking over the wreck, the cruiser could not get near on account of the shallow water, and when boats approached it was found impossible to get alongside on account of the breaking seas. Captain Evans, seeing the risk of trying to board the wreck, determined to make the attempt himself. Plunging overboard from his motor boat into the icy waters, carrying a line, he endeavored to reach the "Hong Moh," and after risking his life a dozen times he managed to get on board. The story is an old one now, and details are unnecessary, but it may be added that he succeeded in getting all the surviving coolies but one to the motor boat by means of the line, attached to a mast that was at any time expected to crash down upon them. The last coolie he took with him when he swam back to the motor boat. Even then his work was not finished, for a rope had got foul of the propeller of the boat, and Captain Evans again went overboard and worked at the rope until he was too exhausted to get into the boat again. Called it to say that every living man on the wreck was saved. Of course there were others who during the rescue showed that gallantry which is inherent in the British seamen, and excellent help was also given by the Chinese crew of another vessel, but Captain Evans' heroic endeavour is the outstanding feature of the rescue, and there are none who will not applaud the decision of Lloyd's that such an act warranted Lloyd's Committee in departing from their usual custom to prepare and award their first gold medal. Such a deed as that of Captain Evans and his able lieutenants demonstrates once more how truly democratic is the kinship of the sea, which knows no race or creed, but the cause of our common humanity.

Wife (pouting): "You need to think I was an angel." Hub: "Well, I do still. You are always up in the air, and forever harping on something."

"Jones," said the colonel to his batman, "have you seen my baggage?" "Yes, sir," said Jones promptly. "She's just round the corner talking to the captain."

Impudent Mice (on the pier): "It seems to me I've seen your face somewhere." Flapper: "I shouldn't wonder. This isn't the first time I've taken it out."

WRECK OF "KONSHING."**MASTER AND SECOND OFFICER CENSURED.****AN APPRECIATIVE COMMENT.**

A Naval Court of Inquiry, composed of Lieut. Commander Keith Adam, of H. M. S. "Gnat," Mr. S. Wyatt-Smith, Shipping Vice Consul, Captain Houghton, of the "Glaucus," and Captain Monkman, of the "Sochow," on December 29 gave their finding with regard to the stranding of the Indo China s.s. "Konshing" at Weihaiwei. Censure was passed on the master and second officer, without suspension of certificates, but the Court expressed its appreciation of the conduct of Captain Brewer and his officers after the vessel had struck. The finding of the Court was read by the President as follows:

The "Konshing" was a British steam vessel of 2,130 tons registered tonnage, official number 120,610, built at Aberdeen in 1905 and belonging to the port of London.

It appears from the evidence given before the Court that she sailed from Shanghai on or about October 29, 1922, at 11.19 a.m. bound for Tientsin with a cargo of 1,800 tons, and a crew of 59 hands all told, as well as three European and 33 Chinese passengers.

All went well till about 3.02 a.m. on October 31, when the vessel was steering course N 87 W. (T). Chimoing Island ahead. This course was continued until about 3.55 a.m. when it was altered to S 83 W. (T). Stand by was then rung down to the engine-room and the Second Officer, who was on the bridge, took a compass bearing from Flag Staff Light and laid it on the chart. This bearing was incorrectly laid, there being a 5 error in the compass, and the Second Officer making the error of laying the bearing as N. 85 W. (T) instead of S 85 W. (T). At 4.02 a.m. Chao Poi Tsei Light was abeam 1 1/2 miles approximately, and 4.04 a.m. the Captain went to look at the chart, when he observed that the position shown was in the white sector, the light he thought he had observed being red. He rang down top in order to prepare to anchor, and at 4.10 a.m. the vessel struck. After she struck, the wind and sea increased, and distress signals were sent to H.M.S. "Despatch." Everything possible to save life was done and no lives were lost.

The Court is of the opinion the Master, William Brewer, appears to have navigated his vessel in a seamanlike manner until 4.02 a.m. when Chao Poi Tsei light was abeam. The Master was then given an apparently safe position from cross bearings taken and laid off by the Second Officer, which he accepted, although in doubt as to its correctness. This doubt caused him to stop engines and prepare to anchor, but too late to avoid grounding.

In view of the state of the weather and low visibility we consider he committed an error of judgment in not verifying his position before attempting to make the harbour entrance, and are of opinion that he is deserving of censure, but do not consider the circumstances justify in any way suspension of his certificate.

The Court considers that the Second Officer, William Primrose McAllan, is to blame in that he gave the Master an incorrect safe position, by cross bearing taken at 4.02 a.m., and that on discovering an error of 10 laid off in his bearing of Flag Staff Point, he left the bridge without informing the Master, and that therefore he should be severely censured.

AFTER THE VESSEL STRUCK.

The Court desire to express their appreciation of the conduct and bearing of the Master and officers after the vessel struck, and until she was abandoned.

The Court in pursuance of the powers vested in it by section 483 of 57, and 58 Vict., c. 60, orders that the sum of £11,800, being the costs of the proceedings before the said Court, be paid in equal shares by the Master, William Brewer, and the Second Officer, William Primrose McAllan, and they are hereby ordered to pay the said amount accordingly.

PEDICABS.**A SHANGHAI SCHEME.**

Another scheme which it is hoped may improve traffic conditions in Shanghai and add usefully to the transport services has been under consideration says the N.O. Daily News. According to particulars which will be found in to-day's Municipal Gazette, a company has been formed with the purpose of operating a service of "pedicabs" or cycle-rickshas, for which special advantages are claimed. The pedicab is simply a three-wheeled ricksha propelled by a rider on the front wheel. A somewhat similar experiment was tried, on a very modest scale, some few years ago, the type of vehicle on that occasion being a basket chair propelled by a bicycle. They proved unpopular, and the experiment was dropped, though we believe one or two of these machines are still in operation.

The "Pedicab" company, an English concern with, we understand, a considerable amount of capital, has an ambitious scheme prepared. They propose to start their service with 6,000 vehicles. The advantages claimed for the proposed service are that fares will not be higher than those of the existing ricksha service, coolies and vehicles will be much more efficiently supervised, special attention to be given to the training of coolies and cleanliness of the vehicles, of which there will be two classes. In return for the grant of a monopoly, the company proposes that the concern shall become the property of the Municipal Council after a certain number of years.

The scheme has been considered by the Commissioner of Police and, while considering the promoters are unduly optimistic, Mr. McEwen sees in it the germ of an idea from which something useful might come, and observes that, should experiment be realized even to the extent of 50 per cent., there would still seem to be fair margin of profit and the prospect of some amelioration of traffic difficulties. He recommends that the company be permitted to place 200 pedicabs on the streets for experimental purposes and the granting of the full number of licences should the experiment prove a success.

THAT DREADED WORD.

We understand that the matter remains in abeyance for the present owing to the refusal of the Council to grant the monopoly asked for, but that the promoters of the scheme are about to make a further proposal.

Special reference is made to the fact that the coolies engaged to work the machines would be properly trained and, if success is achieved in this essential, the service might prove a valuable solvent of traffic difficulties; but the public would have to be assured that an increase in speed would not involve a corresponding decrease in safety. With a machine considerably faster than the ricksha, it would be most fortunate if the riders showed the acceptance of the ricksha in its wandering in and out between the kerbstones and the middle of the road. The class of vehicles to be used, apparently would be a very considerable improvement on the present type of ricksha in use, and with uniformed coolies better cared for and controlled by the present ragged but willing mob of workers, the new service should have features to commend it.

FAKED IVORIES.**TOBACCO JUICE APPLIED TO GIVE "AGE."**

The country is being flooded with "fake ancient" carvings by a new school of bone carvers who are making Paris its headquarters, states a Paris paper.

It is specializing in imitations of the carvings executed between the ninth and sixteenth centuries, and although it is compelled to carry on a clandestine trade, reputable merchants are fully alive to its trickery.

It is possible, according to the French magazine *Opinion*, by simply boiling in infusions of tobacco juice and the alcohol of red-in-a-cold or bathing in peroxide of hydrogen, followed by oven treatment, to give the ivory the finest colouring in a few hours.

Thus a clever "faker" can charge—and get—£200 for a trinket not worth more than a few francs.

Hundreds of tourists are probably existing in having acquired remarkable carvings of antique ivory, all packed in neat leather covered boxes and usually bearing the crest of some noble French family.

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ODDS AND ENDS.**MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.****Boating Orchards.**

One of the greatest enemies of the fruit-grower in South California has been sudden frost, and many have been the devices to overcome this danger. An orange grove one day will be in perfect condition and bearing promise of a splendid fruit crop—then a sudden frost sets in, and the next day the grove is ruined for that year. Smoke-screens have been of great use in the past, but are not always to be relied upon. The latest idea, according to *Pearson's Magazine*, is to install oil stoves (forty to the acre) between the rows of fruit trees with an extra row twenty-five feet to windward. By this means a sufficient supply of heat can be generated all over the grove to counteract the attack of the severest frost.

Paying Calls.

I wonder if you've ever seen. The dainty little Fairy queen? For when the moon is very high. She journeys far across the sky. She does not use her wing's true. That's an old-fashioned thing to do. Nor travel by the Elfin train—She has a silver aeroplane! 'Tis made of moonbeams every bit. No wonder she is proud of it. As off she goes some calls to pay Along the shining Milky Way. "There are no houses there," you cry. "She can't pay calls up in the sky." There are—I know that they are there—Dozens of castles in the air!

L. M. O., in the Morning Post.**London Fed By Road.**

Night and day hundreds of horses in relays were coming up at trot and gallop, from the South Coast and even from the Berwick and Solway salmon fisheries, bringing fresh to Billingsgate the best fish of every port. A hundred thousand head of cattle and three quarters of a million sheep yearly walked up to Smithfield for the slaughter, many of them from Scotland or from the borders of Wales. But stranger of all to the modern eye would be the droves of geese and turkeys, two or three thousand at a time waddling slowly and loquaciously along all the roads to London for a hundred miles round, by way of August and October, feeding on the stubble of the fields through which they passed. On one road from Ipswich to London, 150,000 turkeys walked over the Stour bridge each year. From "British History in the Nineteenth Century, 1782-1901," by G. M. Trevelyan.

Put Ungava on the Map.

Ungava, that triangular peninsula running south from Hudson Strait for 800 or 900 miles and extending nearly 1,000 miles from east to west, is the greatest unexplored area on earth according to the *Toronto Globe*. Through the fur-trading operations of the Hudson Bay Company and the work of fishermen along the Labrador coast, a little has become known of its outer edges. Expeditions from the Geological Survey have done good work exploring portions of the interior, but much of it is still an undiscovered country. Great rivers are well known at their mouths and for some distance upstream. But in many cases the maps of the interior probably show what ought to be, and not what is.

Geographers, in Africa maps, With savage pictures fill their gaps, And o'er unhabitable downs Place elephants for want of towns.

A London Traffic Census.

The last census of London street traffic, taken by the police this summer, shows some amazing figures and also some unexpected results (observes *Everyday Science*). The busiest spot in London is usually supposed to be the crossing at the Mansion House, on which seven roads converge, but in this census it only comes fourth. The busiest centre in London is Hyde Park Corner. Here, in twelve hours, 51,000 vehicles passed, or more than 75 a minute for the whole period. Next comes Piccadilly Circus with 40,000 vehicles. Trafalgar Square with 38,000 the Mansion House with 30,000, and the Elephant and Castle with 28,000. Close on 200,000 vehicles were counted in the twelve hours at those five points. These "circuses" and "converging points," consequences of the fact that London "grows" like Topsy, instead of being laid out like modern Paris or New York and enormously to the attractiveness and interest of the city, but they would break the heart of any other traffic controller than the London police. Six roads, four of them omnibus routes, meet at Hyde Park Corner, eight (six bus routes) at Piccadilly Circus, seven (four bus routes) at Trafalgar Square, and of the seven at the Mansion House six are bus routes. Still streets laid out at right angles do not eliminate the traffic problem, and there is far more blocking and delay at one or two New York cross-roads than at any London "circus."

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

Cambridge University Residents number 5,226, a decrease of 900 on last year.

Mr. George Terrell, M.P., has been re-elected president of the National Union of Manufacturers.

Sending fireworks by post is strictly prohibited, and those who try to do so are liable to prosecution.

Pheasants shot by the King and presented by him to the Hospital of London Combined Appeal, 19, Berkeley Street, W., realised £3.4s. 6d. a brace.

Dr. Percy Longmair, a Sheffield metallurgist, has been appointed Director of Research to the British Cast Iron Research Association, Birmingham.

Costing £2,500 three years ago, the steam drifter "Forward" was sold by auction at Scarborough for £61, while the motor boat "Achieve," which was sold two years ago for £700, realised £95.

Just after the Ely Diocesan Conference at Cambridge had reassembled for the afternoon sitting, the Rev. William Ellison, rector of Harlow, near Cambridge, collapsed in his chair and died.

Like Britain, Italy, Signor Nitti, the ex-Prime Minister, must renounce all reparations so as to secure reconstruction. This was the only way of securing the economic support of the United States.

The Early Closing Association is urging railway companies to extend the present week-end excursion tickets (from Saturday to Monday) to Saturday to Wednesday, to carry over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Lucien Picard, a member of the Canadian House of Commons, will succeed Mr. W. L. Griffith as secretary to the High Commissioner for Canada in London, it is announced from Ottawa.

Said to have been very deaf, William Berk-hire, 61, fisherman, stepped in front of a motor-car going about 10 miles an hour along the Marine Parade, Brighton, and was knocked down and killed.

Mr. John McDonald Henderson, chartered accountant and barrister, of Cambi gate, Wimbledon, S.W., M.P. for Aberdeenshire West from 1906 to 1918, died at the Palace Hotel, Aberdeen, aged 76.

The sentence of six months' imprisonment passed by the Richmond, Surrey Bench on Frank Emery, shoemaker, for stealing apples valued at 6s., was reduced to 14 days at Surrey Quarter Sessions.

The Prince of Wales paid a short visit to Oxford where he was the guest of the President of Magdalen, Sir Herbert Warren, with whom he dined in the College Hall and attended common room.

The Bank of England is promoting a Bill in Parliament to provide for the removal of any human remains found during the rebuilding. The west end of the bank stands on the site of the old Church of St. Christopher le Stocks, which was pulled down in 1781.

The Bulgarian referendum as to whether the members of the Cabinets of M. M. Guechoff, Danef, Malinoff, and Kosturkoff should be tried by the High Court on charges of causing Bulgaria's downfall by entering the war has resulted in 75 per cent. of the votes being in favour of a trial.

"These orders indicate a great deal more talent than is given to many modern painters," said Mr. Justice Coleridge at Stafford Austen, when he sentenced Samuel and Jack Thornycroft, brothers, of Wolverhampton, to 18 months' hard labour for uttering forged Treasury notes.

The last of the red Renault taxis which conveyed the French 7th Division from Paris to the Battle of the Marne in September 1914 are to be replaced in the streets of that city by more luxurious cabs, but none will be put in the Invalides, next to the railway saloon in which Marshal Foch signed the armistice.

The Admiralty announce that they cannot give orders to Portsmouth dockyard for the building of battleship machinery because of unsuitable equipment. It is, however, understood that for the coming year there will be no further discharges on a big scale from either Devonport or Portsmouth dockyards. The numbers employed are practically the same as in pre-war days, and are not to be decreased for the present.

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Archduchess Maria Immaculata.

Archduchess Maria Immaculata, of Austria, member of the Hapsburg family, has been arrested in Vienna on a charge of attempting to smuggle the Hapsburg family jewels out of the country.



Governor Cox.

Governor Cox, of Massachusetts, showed under with telegrams of congratulation on his victory in the Massachusetts elections.



Eftimie Antonescu.

Eftimie Antonescu, member of the Rumanian Supreme Court and that nation's leading financial expert, has arrived in America for conference regarding Rumania's debt to the United States.



Nathan Strauss.

Millionaire New York philanthropist, said to have saved more babies than there were lives lost in the War.



Marion Talley.

Marion Talley, 16-year old daughter of a Missouri Railway telegraph operator has been declared by Maestro Giulio Gatti-Casazza, of the Metropolitan Opera Co., the "find" of years. She will study abroad.



Woodbridge N. Ferris.

Woodbridge N. Ferris, of Michigan, former Governor of that State and the first Democrat to be elected to the United States Senate from Michigan in seventy years.

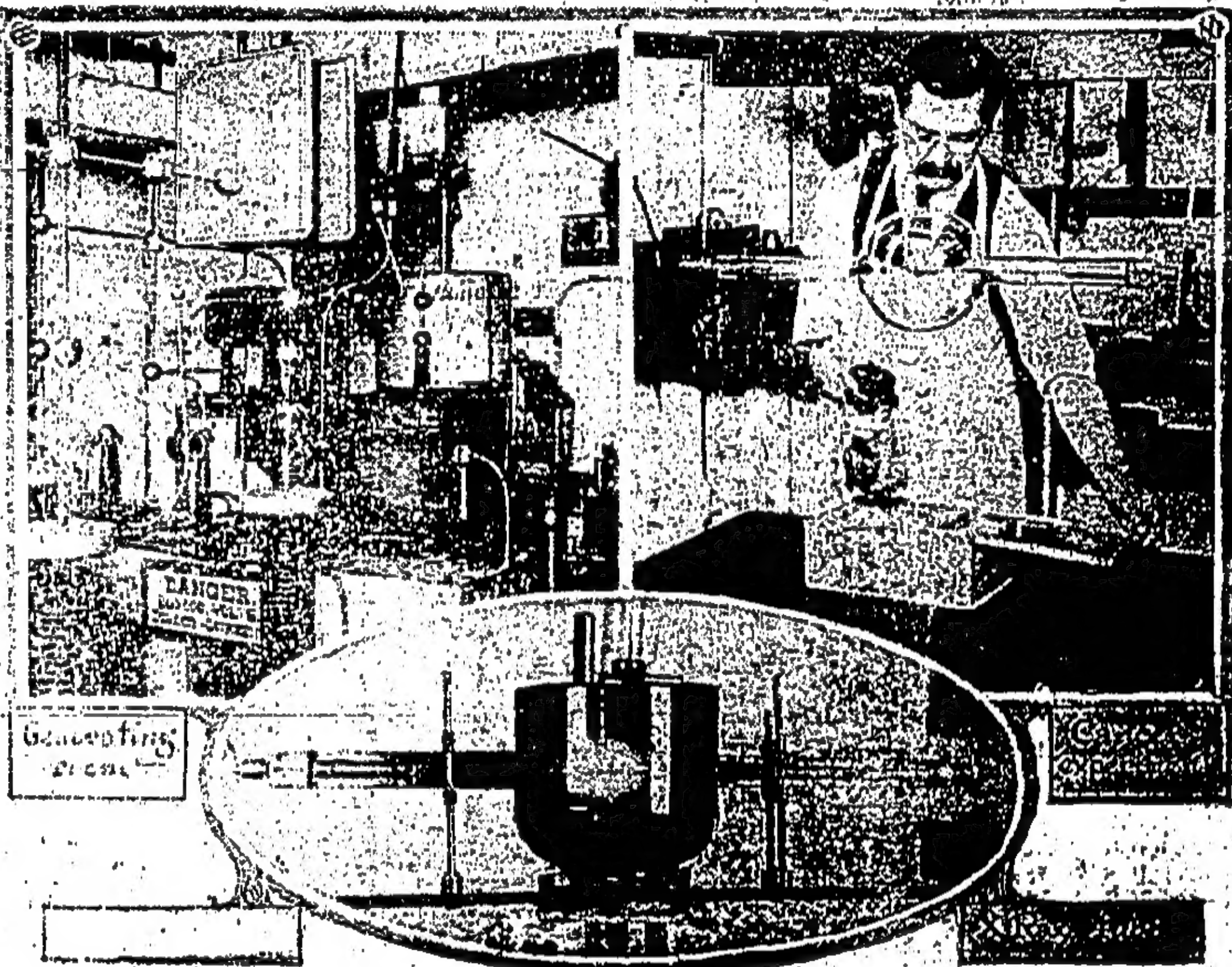


These photographs show the arrival of armed Fascist bands—male and female—in the peaceful revolution that overthrew the Italian Cabinet. Inset shows Benito Mussolini, leader of the Fascists, and now Italian premier.



Mrs. Tamaki Muira.

Mrs. Tamaki Muira, Japanese prima donna, died her husband when he ordered her to return to Japan, sacrificed his love and fled 9,000 miles to join the San Carlos Opera Company in America. The husband objected because she was attended by her Belgian male accompanist.



A new and powerful X-ray machine has been introduced by Dr. Francis Carter Wool, Director of the Institute of Cancer Research which will, it is believed, aid materially in the fight waged by world-renowned surgeons on this plague. Dr. Wool is the moving spirit in the American Society for the Control of Cancer, which inaugurated Cancer Week. At public exhibitions of the application of the new X-ray machine, held in the Crocker Cancer Research Laboratory of Columbia University, New York City, many of the best known surgeons of the world were present.



Archbishop Hayes and Archbishop Mundelein.

Archbishop Patrick Hayes, of New York, and Archbishop Mundelein, of Chicago, it is reported, are to be named as American Cardinals at the next consistory, to be called next year by Pope Pius.

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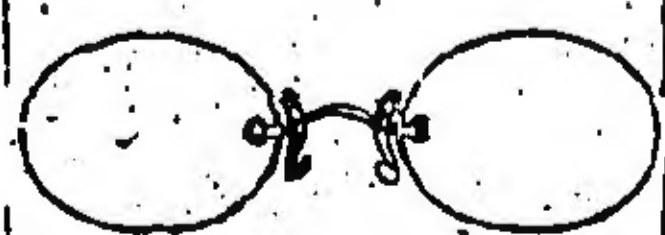
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